

Deeper

Pursuing a Passionate Relationship with God

Part 1: *Deep and Wide*

INTRODUCTION – It's time to wake up!

Ephesians 5:14

A PASSION for God means being fully _____ in a loving relationship with Him, so that we can be about the _____ and ministry that He has for us.

DINE IN – And to know this love...

Ephesians 3:14-19

Asking Ourselves the Tough Questions

The world offers us many competing passions that attempt to address what only God can provide. The following questions may help us to begin to understand where our passion truly lies.

- What are the most common topics of your conversations?
- What do your financial priorities say about your core values?
- What has your non-committed work and family time looked like over the past few months?
- How would you rate your sense of urgency and burden to get the word out in regards to Jesus and His message?

The Unseen Battle

Ephesians 6:11-12

What would the Enemy want to keep you busy, distracted or comfortable with in order to prevent you from pursuing God passionately?

TAKE OUT – I'll have that to go please!

God loves you through and through and you were made to FULLY experience His Love.

Mark 12:30; John 3:16; 1 John 4:9-10

Get into the Prayerful Proximity of Passionate People

Invite others with a passion for God to intentionally pray for you – that you would be completely filled with His presence, having a super-energized, experiential understanding of God's love that would compel you to fulfill His mission and ministry in the world.

CONCLUSION – The Ultimate Spit-Take

Revelation 3:14-20

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HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS

Warming Up...

1. What do you think about when you think of a passionate person? Other than your relationship with God – can you point to anything else that you feel passionate about? How did that passion develop?

Look to the Book...

2. Read **Ephesians 3:14-19**. Is there one particular verse or concept that leaps off the page for you personally? A) Looking at **verse 14**, what does it mean for you to think about God as a Father? Why may that be a difficult way for some people to relate to God? What advice would you give to those people who struggle with that concept? B) Looking at **verse 17**, what does it mean to be rooted and established in God's love? Why is God's love such an important foundational truth for us to fully grasp? What are the dangers of not fully understanding this as it relates to how we live our lives and the choices we make? C) **Verse 18** refers to the community dynamic of our relationship with God. In what ways is it important to understand our relationship with God in terms of our relationship with other Christ-followers? D) Looking at **verse 19**, in what way is being filled with God's fullness a completed reality for Christ-followers and yet also a process? Use scripture to support your answer (**Ephesians 1:13-14** and **Philippians 2:12** for example). In what ways can you see the process of being filled working itself out in your own life?

So What?...

3. A) How would you rate your personal sense of passion for God at this season of your life? Why is that? B) How would you answer the same question as it relates to your sense about our church community as a whole? C) Read through the Apostle Paul's prayer again in **Ephesians 3:14-19** and use it as an inspiration for praying for one another, your Home Church and our broader church community as it relates to our passion for God.
4. **Summer Splash question** – How does your attachment to possessions and experiences lead to increased worry and concern over the things of this world? Visit themeetinghouse.ca/splash to learn more.

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